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SUBJ: CAPTAIN TOMAZ ROSA COMMENTS ON POLITICAL SITUATION

1. AIR FORCE CAPTAIN JOAO PEDRO TOMAZ ROSA, MARCH '75 LEADER GRANTEE, HAS MULTIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND MINISTRIES OF LABOR AND INFORMATION. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF POINTS VOLUNTEERED BY ROSA IN MAY 23 CONVERSATION WITH LABATT:

-- U.S. SHOULD NOT BE DECEIVED ABOUT CHARACTER OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM). A SMALL GROUP OF OFFICERS ALIGNED WITH PCP GIVE A MISLEADING IMPRESSION ABOUT AFM'S ORIENTATION BECAUSE THEY ARE ORGANIZED AND ACTIVE.

-- PRESENT CRISIS OVER CLOSING OF NEWSPAPER REPUBLICA IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. DURING PAST TWO DAYS STRONG RESENTMENT DEVELOPING AMONG MANY AFM OFFICERS OVER PCP POWER PLAY. SITUATION ON KNIFE EDGE WITH PRESENT SLIGHT
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SOLUTION AS OPPOSED TO "UNITARY" POSITION SUPPORTED BY PCP. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, GENERAL FABIAO, BRIGADEIRO OTELO CARVALHO, AND MOST AIR FORCE OFFICERS FAVOR FORMER. PRIME MINISTER, SOME AFM LEADERS, AND NAVY SUPPORT LATTER. EITHER PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER MUST GO WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS. IF LEFTISTS WIN, RESULT COULD BE VIOLENCE.

-- OUTCOME OF AFM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 26 WILL BE IMPORTANT INDICATION OF TREND OF EVENTS.

-- PCP MADE BAD MISJUDGEMENT OF THE POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF NEW AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, MORAIS DA SILVA, AND THE COMMANDER OF THE MONTE REAL AIR FORCE BASE, FERNANDO SEABRA, BOTH OF WHOM ROSA KNOWS INTIMATELY. "PCP WILL PAY DEARLY FOR THINKING THEY ARE PRO-COMMUNIST."

-- EVENTS OF MAY 16 - 17 WERE PRECIPITATED BY PCP INFILTRATORS WITHIN THE MRPP IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT THE MRPP (WHICH IT HAS DONE) AND TO UNDERMINE BRIGADEIRO CARVALHO BY REMOVING STRONG COMMANDER JAIME NEVES OF COMMANDOS. ANOTHER OBJECTIVE OF THE PCP WAS TO DISCREDIT THE RADICAL LEFTISTS OF LIGHT ARTILLERY REGIMENT (RAL-1, NOW RALIS) AND THEIR COMMANDER DENIS ALMEIDA. PCP WISHES EVENTUALLY TO NEUTRALIZE COPCON AND REPLACE CARVALHO.

2. ROSA INCREASINGLY IDENTIFIES HIMSELF WITH SOCIALIST PARTY CAUSE THOUGH HE CLAIMS TO HAVE CLOSE TIES IN ALL CAMPS. MEMCON FOLLOWS.

3. COMMENT: ROSA MAY BE OVERDRAMATIZING GOOD-GUY, BAD-GUY SCENARIO, BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT CRISIS IS GENUINE AND BATTLE LINES ARE BEING DRAWN.
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